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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 18 and 21 as follows:

3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized by** determining the frequency selectivity by dividing the stereo difference signal into subbands.